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**METHOD OF PRODUCTION OF COMPLEX MIXTURES
OF CDNA AND APPLICATIONS OF THESE MIXTURES
FOR THE ANALYSIS OF GENE EXPRESSION**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and in order to place the above identified application in better condition for examination, please amend as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after the title insert the following:

-- This application is the US national phase of international application PCT/FR00/01617 filed June 9, 2000 which designated the U.S. --.

IN THE CLAIMS (AS PER IPER)

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

3. (Amended) Kits for the synthesis of cDNA mixtures according to the method of Claim 1, characterized in that they contain, in addition, reagents for carrying out